



City of Janesville
Community Advocate
Update
November 2021

Dear Community Partner,

We hope you enjoy the November edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update, filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

Parks and Recreation Legacy Fund: The City of Janesville Parks and Recreation Divisions are proud to announce the creation of the Parks and Recreation Legacy Fund. Established through the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin (CFSW), the fund's purpose is to receive and accept donations from community members interested in supporting City park, playground, and recreation facilities. For more information, visit the [City's website](#).

Woodman's Community Center: Last month, the Janesville City Council voted to move into the design phase for the proposed indoor athletic and conference center to be located on the site of the former Sears store at Uptown Janesville. The City will now identify and work with a consultant to create a design proposal for the facility. For more information, visit the project's [FAQ page](#).

EDO Markets State Grant Program: The Economic Development Office continues to market the State's Main Street Bounce Back Grant Program, which provides \$10,000 grants to businesses that move or expand into vacant commercial space. Learn more about this grant opportunity at WEDC.org/mainstreet-bounceback.

2021 Coolest Thing Made in Janesville: After two months of community voting, the results are in! The 2021 Coolest Thing Made in Janesville is soda from Gray Brewing Company. Gray Brewing first opened its doors in 1856. Today, they produce a full line of handcrafted beers and sodas and hold the distinction of being one of the oldest family-owned bottling companies in the nation. Read more about this year's Coolest Thing contest on the [City's website](#).

2022 Annual Budget: The development of the City's 2022 Annual Budget is nearing completion. The proposed budget represents a significant achievement for the City as it is balanced and for the first time since at least 2000, does not use reserve funds to support the City's operating fund. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on Monday, November 8. The community is encouraged to review the proposed budget at www.janesvillewi.gov/2022budget and attend this month's hearing.

Loose Leaf Collection: Loose leaf collection will begin November 8 and continue through November 19. This year the City has three specialized leaf vacuum trucks it will be using before and during the two-week collection. For a schedule of anticipated collection dates, visit www.janesvillewi.gov/leafcollection.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Turkey Hunt:** Starting November 6, the City of Janesville Recreation Division will bring Thanksgiving fun to Wisconsin's Park Place with the Turkey Hunt! The Recreation Division will place twelve Turkey Hunt signs along the bike trail at S. Lexington Avenue and Mohawk Road. The signs will each feature a turkey with a particular letter. Find all twelve turkeys to descramble the letters into a festive two-word phrase. Learn more at www.janesvillewi.gov/turkeyhunt.
- **Veterans Day Ceremony:** Join the Janesville Patriotic Society in honoring our nation's heroes on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m. on the Veterans Plaza in Traxler Park. Coffee and donuts will be provided before the ceremony by the Associates of V.V.A. Chapter #236 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Traxler Park Warming House. For ceremony details, visit [JACVB's website](#).
- **Janesville Jolly Jingle:** The annual three-day celebration kicking off the holiday season returns to downtown Janesville December 3-5! Enjoy seasonal fun for the whole family including a holiday light parade, fireworks show, ice skating, kids activities, and much more. See the [event flyer](#) to learn more!

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